banks for grant/renewal of licence.

Eradication of Kala Azar in Bihar and West Bengal

3273. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Kala Azar is still a major health hazard and killer disease in Bihar and West Bengal;

(b) if so, what was the impact of this disease in these two States during the last three years, Year-wise, State-wise; and

(c) steps Government have taken or propose to take for the eradication of Kala Azar in Bihar and West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HELATH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The Government is aware of the Kala Azar situtation in Bihar and West Bengal.

(b) The incidence of Kala Azar during the last 3 years in Bihar and West Bengal as reported by the State Governments are as under:—

	1994		1995		1996 (Provisional)	
State	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Bihar	24391	379	21045	259	24665	666
West Bengal	1149	3	1552	18 vc 1520	11	

(c) A Centrally Sponsore Kala azar Control Programme on a cost sharing basis between the Centre and the States is in operation in Bihar and West Bengal.

Strategies under the Programme include:—

—Interruption of transquission through Vector Control by Undertaking residual spraying in the affected areas

—Early diagnosis and complete treatment through Primary Health Care System;

—Health Education and Community participation.

Low Priority of Burns Ward in Government Hospital

3274. PROF. RAM KAPSE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Low priority to Burns ward' in the Hindustran Times dated 8th November, 1996;

(b) if so, the reasons for giving low priority to Burns Ward in Government Hospitals; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the prevalent situation in the Burns Ward of various Government Hospitals particularly RML and Safdarjung Hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In Central Government hospitals namely, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital and Safdarjang Hospital, the Burns ward is not given low priority. The Government has in fact given taken several steps for upgrading the Burns Ward of Safdarjang Hospital such as sanctioning procurement of essential equipments; creation of posts of various categories; and sanctioning of various civil/elestrical works; renovation

of toilets; remodelling and augmentation of water supply; improving of sewerage system of Burns ward; and providing air conditioners in ICU & disaster room and 37 window type air conditioners in various other areas of the burns Ward.

Filling up the post of C.G.H.S. dispensary (Ayurvedic) sector XII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi

3275. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the staff strength of CGHS dispensary (Ayurvedic Wing) of Sector-XII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) the number and names of doctors having retired from the said dispensary during the last three years whose posts are still lying vacant;

(c) the reasons for which the posts have remained vacant for so long; and

(d) by when they will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The staff strength is indicated below:—

Medical Officer	—	3
Store Keeper	—	1
Pharmacist	—	1
Clerk	—	1
Nursing Orderly	—	2
Peon	—	1
Female Attendant	—	1
Safaiwala	—	1
Chowkidar	—	1

(b) Only one Ayurvedic Physician viz. Dr. (Smt.) D. Katoch, has retired from the said dispensary during the last three years viz. on 30.11.96. The post is lying vacant since then.

(c) and (d) Recruitment is made through the UPSC and the requisition for filling of the post has been placed. As soon as the UPSC's recommendation is received, further necessary action to fill up the post will be taken.

Implementation of agreement between administration and striking staff of S.J. Hospital

3276. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the strike by Group 'C' & 'D' staff of Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi which took place in October, 1996 was called off following an agreement signed by both the administration and the staff representatives on 15.11.1996;

(b) if so, what are the terms of said agreement;

(c) whether all the terms of agreement ware strictly implemented;

(d) if not, the reasons for non-implementation; and

(e) whether instructions have been issued for immediate implementation of the whole of the said agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Memorandum of understanding includes agreement to formulate proposals for cadre review, promotional avenue to Drivers, increase in patient care allowance, re-designation of various posts; renovation of staff quarter, introduction of Night duty allowance to the staff, payment of conveyance and non-servicing allowance to the staff and revocation of suspension order, withdrawal of all the cases under ESMA.

(c) to (e) The hospital authorities have taken steps to implement the various clauses of the Memorandum of Understanding. However, it is stated that the 5th Central Pay Commission has submitted its reports and pending final decision on its recommendations, it has been advised by the Ministry of Finance not to take action on matters relating to revision of pay scales, allowances, creation/upgradation of posts, cadre